

ble to all the habitants of this place. If they had so much reason for complaining of me, why did they not do so when I went down to Montreal, where they were in the majority; and as I have been away from here since that time, what can they allege? The lies with which they have filled their petition against me, which they presented to Messieurs the Marquis de Vaudreuil and Bégon, ought to stamp them as arrant imposters. However, it is my misfortune, Monsieur, that you condemn me unheard, and I have to hear these calumniators assert that they have nothing to fear because they are under your protection. If I am at fault in regard to them, I should be punished after you have heard my defense; but suffer me to take the liberty of representing to you, Monsieur, that I have Never done anything that should lead you to declare yourself against me in this manner; I have Never neglected to give you proofs of my attachment.<sup>1</sup>

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1723: JESUIT MISSIONARIES NEEDED AMONG THE SIOUX.

[Synopsis of a letter written by the Jesuit Louis d'Avaugour; dated Apr. 15, 1723. Source, same as that of preceding document.]

It has been arranged by his Royal Highness that two missionaries should be established among the Sioux and, in conformity therewith, a letter has been written to the Reverend Father Davaugour.

He requests that the State allow for each missionary a sum of 600 livres annually, beginning with the first day of this year.

These missionaries will go to La Rochelle in May, and their payment for the months of January, February, March, and April will serve to furnish a chapel for them, and to pay part of the expense of their voyage.

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<sup>1</sup>This letter was probably written by Alphonse de Tonty (see p. 201, note, ante). After regaining his superiors' favor, he was commandant at Detroit from 1720 until his death, Nov. 10, 1727.—Ed.